reports about extent of such adverse impact on agricultural operations have been received.

Instructions were issued to State Governments and oil companies to give priority to agricultural operations in distribution of diesel at the retail outlets, and this was done in most of the States. The 10 per cent cut on supplies of HSD to retail outlets was withdrawn w.e.f. November 26, 1990 which provided substantial relief to the agricultural sector throughout the country. Special releases of HSD have also been made to 17 major States in February 1991 and the State Governments have been advised to take necessary action to use the increased allocation for agricultural operations.

Differences on the issue of fertilizer Subsidy.

1150. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are differences on fertilizer subsidy between the Deputy Prime Minister and the Finance Minister;

(b) what is the total amount allocated at present for fertilizer subsidy in this country; and

(c) whether Government have reviewed the fertilizer subsidy to the effect that it reaches the farmers directly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) No. Sir.

(b) According to the Budget Estimates for 1990-91, the amount allocated for fertilizer subsidy is Rs. 4000 crores (i.e. Rs. 3250 crores for indigenous and Rs. 750 crores for imported fertilizers).

(c) All aspects of fertilizer subsidy are being reviewed by Government from time to time.

Allotment of houses under HUDCO pattern scheme

1151. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELURAHMAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority held a draw of lot in the month of October, 1990 for allotment of houses under New Pattern HUDCO 1979 Scheme;

(b) what was the premium of land charged for LIG flats in pocket A-3 Group 11 in Kondli Gharoli LIG Complex from the allottees of the draw held in October, 1990;

(c) what was the land premium charged for the same type of flats in the same locality in the draws held prior to October 1990;

(d) what are the reasons for the increase in the land premium in addition to the usual increase of price of LIG flats;

(e) whether Government propose to charge the same land premium from the allottees of the draw held in October, 1990; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Short supply of essential commodities at F.P.S.

1152. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Wheat, Rice, Sugar and Palmolien are in short supply and are mostly not available at the Fair Price Shops in the country; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to make these items available freely at the Fair Price Shops?